

# Glynn the key in close encounter!

**WYCOMBE** Wanderers can recapture their FA Cup glory days of the mid-1970s when they meet the Football League stars of Bournemouth in a first round tie at Loakes Park tomorrow (Saturday).

A home victory, which cannot be ruled out, would revive memories of two giant-killing acts in the last decade.

One of the sides to taste a shock defeat at the hands of Wycombe's wonders were Bournemouth in 1974. Their experienced manager Alec Stock is taking no chances of a repeat this time and has already said he expects a tough match.

The pressure is all on his team of youngsters, who are battling away in the lower reaches of the Fourth Division. Defeat tomorrow would be a tragic blow.

## Advantage

Wycombe, on the other hand, have nothing to lose. Victory or even a draw would give them national headlines, while defeat would be no disgrace. So Wanderers already have one priceless advantage.

Another, is their current home form. They are unbeaten in their past 14 league and cup matches at Loakes Park, whose sloping pitch has already got the men from the South Coast in a worried frame of mind.

On Monday, Mr Stock took his players to visit his old stamping ground at Yeovil, whose sloping pitch resembles Wycombe's.

But because of the weekend's rain the players could only stand and stare. Although they did not even strike a ball on the pitch, the club felt it had been a useful exercise to see what a sloping pitch looked like!

One of Bournemouth's key players is the former Chelsea

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and Queens Park Rangers star Dave Webb. In an attempt to boost the club's goalscoring record which is the worst in the division, he played up front against York City on Saturday.

But against Wanderers he is certain to return to the defence, as regular defender Paul Compton is cup-tied. It will be part of a 4-4-2 formation which the Cherries feel is their most successful policy.

The two men upfront will be Steve Massey the leading scorer with ten goals, and Trevor Morgan one of the few visiting players to have been on the winning side at Wycombe this season.

He came on as substitute for Leytonstone and Ilford in the first league game of the term, when the visitors triumphed 2-0. That could be a good omen for Bournemouth.

Since then Wanderers

have looked virtually unbeatable at home with ten victories and four draws. They, like their opponents, have no injury worries now that goalkeeper Gary Lester has recovered from influenza.

## Omen

An intriguing and closely fought match seems certain and the winner will be the side that makes the most of its chances.

In Terry Glynn Wycombe have a possible match-winner — that's why Mike Keen did not want to risk him against Aylesbury on Tuesday night. But for his late goal at Worcester, of course, they would be already out of the competition.

A betting man would probably go for a draw, with Bournemouth winning the replay. But Mike Keen, for whom this match is a return to the big-time, feels fairly confident.

"Provided we play up to our best, we can win," he said this week. "I hope there will be big crowd to cheer our lads on. A victory for us would be a big boost for the town."

## League tables

### BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ENFIELD.....	22	11	8	3	47	28	41
DAGENHAM.....	24	10	9	5	50	35	39
BROMLEY.....	19	10	5	4	37	24	35
SLOUGH TOWN.....	17	9	6	2	24	14	33
<b>WYCOMBE WANDS.....</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>
SUTTON UNITED.....	18	8	7	3	34	27	31
DULWICH HAMLET.....	21	7	9	5	33	29	30
HARROW BOROUGH.....	21	8	5	8	36	27	29
WOKING.....	21	8	3	10	26	33	27
*BARKING.....	23	8	3	10	33	43	27
LEYTONSTONE & L.....	17	7	4	6	33	30	26
WALTHAMSTOW AVE.....	18	7	3	8	19	28	24
STAINES TOWN.....	20	6	6	9	23	30	23
TOOTING & M.....	21	6	5	10	23	30	23
HAYES.....	17	6	4	7	13	20	22
CARSHALTON ATH.....	18	7	1	10	26	36	22
HITCHIN TOWN.....	17	5	5	7	22	20	20
HENDON.....	18	5	5	8	22	25	20
HARLOW TOWN.....	19	4	7	8	23	30	19
BOREHAM WOOD.....	17	4	7	6	22	31	19
LEATHERHEAD.....	23	3	10	10	16	26	19
CROYDON.....	18	3	9	6	15	18	18

\*2 points deducted

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SOUTHEND.....	22	15	2	5	38	15	32
LINCOLN.....	22	13	5	4	40	12	31
HARTLEPOOL.....	22	12	4	6	34	25	28
ALDRERSHOT.....	22	10	6	6	18	16	26
PETERBOROUGH.....	22	9	7	6	35	28	25
MANSFIELD.....	22	11	3	8	26	19	25
BRADFORD.....	22	9	7	6	29	25	25
DONCASTER.....	22	10	4	8	24	26	24
WIMBLEDON.....	22	10	2	10	29	23	22
CREWE.....	22	7	8	7	28	30	22
TRANMERE.....	21	9	3	9	30	28	21
DARLINGTON.....	22	9	3	10	32	33	21
ROCHDALE.....	21	6	8	7	28	31	20
TORQUAY.....	22	9	2	11	25	28	20
YORK.....	22	7	6	9	24	28	20
STOCKPORT.....	21	6	7	8	24	30	20
<b>BOURNEMOUTH.....</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>
NORTHAMPTON.....	22	9	2	11	28	36	20
SCUNTHORPE.....	22	5	9	8	24	29	19
WIGAN.....	21	8	3	10	22	29	19
PORT VALE.....	22	7	4	11	29	35	18
BURY.....	22	6	3	13	32	38	15
HALIFAX.....	22	5	5	12	22	35	15
HEREFORD.....	21	3	8	10	16	32	14

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